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1. Investments of 3,000 million lei for the rubber industry are provided for in the Five Year Plan, to be distributed as follows:
 - a. 1,500 million lei for the former Mira Rubber Factory at Jilava, near Bucharest;
 - b. 900 million lei for a new factory, to be located at Giurgiu or on the Bucharest-Giurgiu railroad line, to recondition old rubber;
 - c. 200 million lei for machinery to manufacture rubber soles at the Janos Herbak Factory, Cluj; and
 - d. 400 million lei for new machinery and facilities at various existing factories.
2. These investments are to be made during the first three years of the Plan in order to insure full production by the end of the fifth year.
3. The plan for the former Mira Factory at Jilava to produce 80 percent of Rumania's total rubber production was abandoned in 1951 because of security reasons. The Council of Ministers considered the concentration of so large a proportion of the rubber industry in one place to be a strategic mistake. Although the plan had not been approved at any time by the Council, work had been pushed by Vasile Luca, who made funds available for it as a "national enterprise" because it was a favorite project of his. It was decided in 1951 to build part of the factory at Pitesti, but a commission of Soviet rubber experts finally approved the original plan, except for the location of the rubber reconditioning plant. This factory is to be completed in 1953, and its entire output is then to be sent to Jilava.
4. A certain Kapralenko is a member of the Soviet Rubber Commission.

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